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## THE PIONEER

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For the Pioneer.

### SONG FOR THE TIMES

By a Frontier Individual

Tune—"Hard Times" come again no more.

There's a crowd in every village, and every town, astir,
Who are going to gather up the gold;
There's a sound in every cottage, and a wring every ear,
'Pike's Peak' is the land for the young and old

Chorus.—'Tis the life and the dream of the many,
Pike's Peak,' 'Pike's Peak,' the land of brave and bold,
Many ways we have wandered and now we are told,
Pike's Peak" is the place to get the gold.

There's a young lovely maiden, scarce sixteen summers old,
Whose thoughts o er the distant prairie roam,
Where the idol of her vision is digging for the gold—
Pike's Peak is the place to make your home

Chorus —'Tis the life and the dream of the many, &c

'Fare the well, says the farmer to his loving child and wife,
Be merry 'ill the day we meet again,
For we'll farm then no longer, but lead a happy life
Pike's peak is the place to get the 'tin'

'I am tired' says the merchant 'of selling goods for years'
When a fortune can be made in half the time
So he takes a barrel of whisky, besides a sweitzer cheese
pike's peak is the place of his design

There is youths of every nation and men from far and near,
Who are going to make their fortunes quick,
There goes 'paddy with his shovel, there Yoccup with his beer—
pike's peak is the place to raise the chink

### OUR AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS

A very pertinent inquiry, and one made daily by persons coming through for the purpose of engaging in agricultural pursuits is, 'how is the soil adapted for farming purposes,' or 'what kind of a farming country have you'

At first sight the soil of the prairies presents rather a discouraging appearance to the farmer, and he looks to the bottom lands as his only resource.

We have conversed with gentlemen who are familiar with this country from Ft Bridger to Los vegas, and are informed that the soil is infinitely preferable to that of New Mexico, where grain and vegetables equal to such as is raised in the States can be produced

Irrigation doubtless will be necessary in some places, but it will be some time before such a thing will be necessary, as there is sufficient bottom land to accommodate all who will follow agricultural pursuits for some time to come, and the upper prairies will be used for stock ranges.

Captains Theodore and William Parkinson are opening a farm in the bottom below town, and are well satisfied with the soil,

Above town, on the opposite side of the river, a large farm is being opened, vegetable gardens are being opened on Longe creek, Clear creek, and other places, and in no instance where we have conversed with those engaged in these enterprises, are any doubts felt, or fears entertained as to a successful result Persons who will visit the Mexican and other mines can see for themselves the depth of the soil

Almost the entire length of Cherry creek rich prairie lands can be found, and along the base of the mountains are as beautiful tracts as can be found anywhere

On the divide the Indians have been raising corn for years, in fact our candid opinion is that if this country has only a fair trial, it will prove better than the most sanguine have anticicipated

### THE GOLD MINES

Until within the last 20 days the mountains have been so blocked up by snow and ice, as to prevent anything like successful prospecting But since that time we have reports of rich diggings having been struck in the mountains, and which report we believe to be reliable.

On all the streams flowing from the mountains, north of the Platte Canon, float gold may be found in tee beds and bars, but not any distance in the banks

Does it not follow, that gold in its original state must be in the mountains from which the streams flow To attest this, shot gold has already been found for a distance of 13 miles back of Boulder creek Canon

One little gulch has already been discovered which will avarage $5 per day to the man with a rocker We have well substantiated reports of $10 diggings having been struck about ten or fifteen miles from the above named Canon.

It is true that every indication of gold in the mountains, north of Clear creek Canon, equals that of California, this is admitted by many Californians who have been in the mountains

Many men are returning to the States—What are the circumstances under which they retrace ther steps Simply these, they came here just at the opening of spring, expecting men who have been here during the winter to point them out rich diggings disappointed in this, they turn back They have not stopped to consider that men who came here as early as the 1st of last November, had their cabins to build, and when that was done winter had set in, and although on the prairies the winter was mild and open, the mountains were completely inaccessible, and have been so until within the last few days

We think the reports of gold have been exaggerated, but we firmly believe that effective prospecting in the mountains will develope rich and extensive diggings.

### Denver city.

Denver city is situated at the mouth of Cherry creek, on the east bank and in the centre of all the gold diggings yet discovered. The city was organised on the 2[illegible] day of last November, and now contains one hundred and fifty houses, with at least one hundred others under contract. Many of the buildings are good substantial houses, with one hotel, Blake & Williams, now open This building is one and a half stories high and 30 feet wide by 112 feet deep Besides this we have five other hotels nearly completed, to-wit, Capt. Spooner, Stout & Hobbs, Capt. Wm parkinson, Hem & Warners and Wm Franklins, all large and commodious hewed log buildings. We have already five good stores, to-wit, Messrs St. James & St vrain, Louis Aubry, Lawrence Bolduc and Blake & Williams, with two others that will be open in a few days Messrs Broadwell and Wm Fisher, two of the above are from Fort Laramie and Blake & Williams from Iowa—all the balance from New Mexico Besides these Wm Countright's new store and many others are daily expected from the States We have two good saloons, and a large bakery nearly completed, with a regular butcher Jno Gregory & Co. We have tradesmen of every kind, but they have not as yet permanently located we have in addition a first class boarding house, wm Mutsle The county seat of Arapahoe county is located here with the Court house building now up to the square 20 by 40 feet. The roofs of the buildings are varied, some pine shingles, some shakes, some oarth and many of the best roofs are made of mud—same as are being made use, both at Ft Laramie and New Mexico Messrs' Wyatt & Cooyer have established a lumber yard in this city—their steam saw mill is located in the pinery All the emigration that arrives from the Missouri river land here, as also all from New Mexico and the Arkansas Denver city is situated on a beautiful site commanding a full view of pike's peak and Longs peak, and all the intermediate Mountains, and distant 12 miles from the base of the Mountains at the nearest point On the west side of Cherry creek, directly opposite Denver city, the new and flourishing town of Auraria is situated Next to Denver city and Auraria the most important towns are Arapahoe city, Boulder city, Jefferson, Colona Russellville, Mountains and parke city

—Henry ward Beecher lectured in Buffalo recently, The desk was very dusty, and whipping out a red bandanna, he wiped it off, remarking that "probably the last speaker had left some of his subject behind him

# THE PIONEER

Saturday, April 23, 1859.

JOHN L. MERRICK EDITOR.

The appearance of the 'Pioneer' is not what we should wish, owing to the non arrival of our 'sorts' We hope to receive them before our next issue Our readers will bear this in mind, before they criticise the 'mechanical looks' of the paper

## SALUTATORY.

With this issue we commence the publication of the 'Pioneer" and as it is an old custom for the Editor to give his opinion on the different topics of the day we shall give the reader an outline of ours In political matters we shall ever be independent, believing as we do, that Arapahoe county is a 'great country" and that there are other subjects of more importance to us, therefore we shall have little to say on the subject, and our motto will ever be 'as free as the wind, to blow on whom we please"

The 'Pioneer will use what little influence it may have for the advancement of Denver City and the mining towns in Arapahoe County We shall endeavor to give a truthful statement of the quantity of gold dust our merchants receive, and also the truth about any discoveries that may be made in the mountains and we wish it distinctly understood by the people of the States, that what we publish, in relation to the gold mines, or 'our country," can be relied upon in every respect

The "Pioneer" will not advise people to come from the States here, by holding out inducements to them, but will strive to show them the advantages and disadvantages of this portion of Kansas.

In conclusion, we ask the support of the citizens of Denver, and surrounding country, trusting that this little sheet will be a benefit to all

### From the Mountains

Messrs Henderson and others have just arrived from the mountains, and bring cheering news

They inform us that any man who can and will work, can make from eight to ten dollars per day These mines are known by the name of Jefferson diggings, and are fifty five miles from Denver via Golden Two of the party return to the States on Monday, to bring out their families

The gold found is that which is called shot gold They state that quartz has also been found in that vicinity

Jefferson diggings are very extensive there is room for 10 000 men to work, and no doubt that in 30 days the snow will have left the mountains, and the miners will then be able to work to a greater advantage

We also have good reports from the south park Men are coming to Denver almost every day for provision and all appear satisfied with their prospects

Authorized agents for the Cherry Creek Pioneer St Joseph, Mo., H. G. Smith, Elwood, Kansas, Jas B & W. M. Ellsworth, Marysville, W H Poore, Fort Kearney, Miles C Selden, Henry Boder, Jr, Troy Kansas The above gentlemen are duly authorized by us to give receipts for subscription and advertisements Jas Emerson, Arapahoe

### GOLD DUST

For the last 20 days, Messrs St James & St Vrain, have taken in, and have now on hand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars in the precious dust Mr Aubreu has two hundred and thirty three dollars

R L Wootton tells us that he could have taken $1,000, in dust if he had had flour, coffee, sugar, &c

There are so many coming in without provision that it will be impossible for New Mexico to supply our market

—For the past few days, a number of persons have returned to the States discouraged and disheartened For the most part they have remained from 3 to 10 days, and they do such a "tale unto old, to emigrants on the road, that they make their appearance in our midst with a face like this —

On His Arrival!

After He Has Prospected

### To Emigrants

We would suggest to the persons in the States who are anxious to come to Cherry Creek to bring with them a few months provisions, as the Mexicans cannot supply this market with flour alone, to say nothing of bacon, sugar, coffee, [illegible] and other et ceteras that are necessaries when [illegible] Do not come, then unless you are prepared Many are coming in daily, who have not provisions or money and they will stay probably two or three days at the farthest and then return to the States, carrying their spite against the country and its people. To such we say to stay where you are, or if you do come, come well provided with the necessaries of life, for 4 or 6 months

Mr Jefferson never franked letters for any members of his family, and correspondents [illegible] Mr Jefferson invariably [illegible] the Post master and had the postage of all such letters charged to him It is very clear that Mr Jefferson with such a [illegible] habits of honesty, would never do for a public man in these times We had [illegible] he might be rated as a Republican [illegible] party is that cannot recognize [illegible] honesty [illegible] —be [illegible]

There are so many notices to the gold mines advocated by the press of the States, if it happens to start from their particular town that it is almost an impossibility for the emigrant to tell which route is the best Within the last few days several persons have arrived here by the Smoky Hill route, who had lost their way in a snow storm and there being no road or trail, they were nearly starved to death In one instance a party killed a penny to prevent them from that worst of all deaths—starvation Any other route is better than the Smoky Hill road

—By particular request we publish the manifest of 'the long face,' the first packet boat that ever sailed, this high up the platte river — Here it is

Manifest of the Cherry Creek Express, first boat of the season

One camp kettle, two bottles of 'Taos lightning,' six passengers and $500 000 in gold dust

All consigned to our boat O H Pascall, master, J.C Martin mate, John Smith clerk

April 23, 1859

—We understand that some four or five flat boats with as many men in each, started down the Platte river to day, bound for the Missouri Two of them were doomed to meet a sad fate for they now lie beneath the turbulent waters of the platte river

The poor fellows lost their all from even lost a portion of their clothing Boys! you should not venture the river until you have learned to swim"

### A LUCKY HAUL

We learn that two men from Denver City, by the name of Bates and Herman, were out prospecting a few days since, near Russellville and they found each of them two barrels of No 1 Tom whiskey, said to be worth one hundred and sixty dollars per barrel

### Gold in Cherry Creek

A few days since a party of hand cart men came upon the banks of Cherry creek and camped, when one of them went down to the edge of the water and took a handful of sand and examined it carefully and could see no gold in it, he turned to his companions and said he knew the whole thing was a humbug and made a straight coat-tail for the States

Our thanks are due Messrs L. I Wootton and C B Alvord, for assistance in getting out the first number of the Pioneer Mr Wattenbarger coming here was the editor of the 'Jennings Independent' published at Tipton, Indiana

Mr Alvord is well known on the Missouri river, as one of the old fashioned trampers

Liberal—The well known advertising house of S M Pettengill & Co have presented the sum of Five hundred dollars to the Library Association Fund

N B You are now reading the first paper ever published at the foot of the Rocky Mountains

Mrs James Gordon Bennett, lately the President's first lady, occupied the same room with Mr Buchanan, and by his direction, the crowd were presented to her as well as to Miss Lane at one time, says the post's correspondent, it was difficult to tell whether the reception was Mrs Bennett's or Mr Buchanan's. The two occupied a sofa together in the reception room for about three quarters of an hour, the president himself introduced his friends to Mrs Bennett The latter was attired after the latest French style, and was decked with jewels in abundance, and held in her hand a rich bouquet, put up in an unique manner

The latest case of faithful Biddyism is chronicled by the Gardiner (Mass) Gazette A Irish girl was discharged to a negro servant with an ape, and I regret to give it personally to the person addressed. On arrival Biddy found the negro had gone to Northampton, whither she wended her way twelve miles on foot, and traversed the streets till she found the individual and delivered the note She then started to return, stopping over night on the way with some friends, and reaching home next day, when she told her mistress that she must give up her place for she could not carry on such long errands.

Four State elections will take place this spring viz – New Hampshire March eighth, Connecticut, April fourth, Rhode Island April sixth and Virginia, May twenty-sixth In each of these States a Governor is to be chosen, and also members to the next Congress In each will be looked for with a good deal of interest.

Judge M Clure, of Pittsburg has announced that he shall refuse applications for divorce made to him, in every case except a possible exception can be found for doing so His reason for the declaration is that by the multiplicity of applications which have of late come before him he has led to believe that an absolute disregard for the marriage relations is spreading rapidly among the lower classes in that vicinity

In the new York Senate, the committee on Cities and Villages have made a special report against all special bills, for city railroads The committee recommend the passage of a general law allowing the construction of city railroads when the assent of the corporation is given, and compensation has been made to the owners of property on the route.

He that is taught to live upon little, owes more to his father's wisdom, than he that has a great deal left him by his father's care

The weather is more changeable [illegible]

## Election returns.

At an election held in Arapahoe county, the result was as follows,—Probate Judge, S. W Wagoner; Sheriff, D D Cook, register of Deeds Jas S Lowery; Treasurer, J. L Hiffner, Board of Supervisors, I. J. Winchester H. Rogers, R L Wooton, Clerk, levi Ferguson, Auditor, W. W Hoopes, Attorney M Cook, Assessor, R. Hutchins; Coroner, C M, Steinberger.

Justices, H Swigart: B Hieatt, J. Graves, F F Brunne.

Constables G. H Abbey- W G Taylor, S M rooker, W Wilson

—The editor of the Utica Herald, who is traveling in Africa, recently visited the ruins of Carthage, and in a leter to his paper, dated Tunis, relates the folowing,

While I was examining these vast relics of the past, my meditations were disturbed by the arrival of young Prince Alfred of England, and a lot of rolicking, lieutenants and midshipmen, whose ship was lying at anchor in the bay of Tunis Travel is a great leveller, and I sublimely condescended to treat this beardless sprig of royalty with just as much respect as if he hadn't been a mere second son of a queen, or I an honorary member of the John Brown's Tract Fishing association As I happened to know a good deal more about the ruins of Carthage than either his royal Highness or any of his companions, I played the part of cicerone for the party I may state that the Prince is quite a pretty boy small and frail for his age which is fifteen, and apparently modest and intelligent, He had lots of questions to ask about a merica and said he would like well to visit it Whereupon I appointed myself a committee of one on reception of distinguished Strangers and pledged him a salute of thirty guns from the gallant Forty-fifth " besides an enrollment in the ranks of the Walton Fishing Club, should he visit us

I am told by one of his brother officers that he is realy popular among his shipmates, and is not particularly disposed to take advantage of his station.

The other day he called one of the mates an old fool,' for which piece of impertinence he got a box on the ear that sent him reeling and staggering to his cabin He complained to his servant (who is a major of high standing in the army) but no notice was taken of the matter

—The remains of Ira J Thurston the unfortunate balloonist, who met with his death by the unfortunate ascention from the city of Adrian Mich., on the sixteenth of September last, were accidently found on Sunday evening last, about ten miles northwest from Toledo, and about ten miles from the place of his second ascent The remains were taken to Adrian and fully ide[illegible]

## Eldorado Saloon.

Our enterprising friend, Johnny Smith has fitted up an elegant saloon on Larimer street, where he is ever found ready to dispense the good things of this earth, nectar fit for the gods, and edibles that would tempt the appetite of the most fastidious gourmand Call in, and take a look at Johnny s smiling countenance.

## General News

Washington, March 8

Hon Aaron V Brown, Postmaster General of the United States, died this morning at half past nine o'clock A quarter of an hour previous to his death, he was conscious and took leave of his family

Last night the President had a final interview with him and was affected to tears During his occasional delirium, the Postmaster General called for the bill,' evidently alluding to the defeated one having reference to his department

His death occasions the utmost sorrow among all classes of the community

### U S. SENATE—EXTRA SESSION.

Washington, March 5

Senate —Immediately after the adjournment of Congress yesterday the senate convened in extra session In accordance with the proclamation of the President The new Senators whose credentials had previously been presented were sworn in

Mr Doolittle offered a resolution requesting the president to open negotiation with the Central and Southern American States with a view to settlement of free persons of color where they can enjoy the rights of citizenship Its consideration was postponed until to morrow, to which time the Senate adjourned

This morning the Senate re-assembled and adopted a resolution on motion of Mr Mallory directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether Sharpe's rifle carbines are used by the troops, and if so whether they have been found efficient and serviceable in the field, also whether there is a requisition on file for such arms, which has not been filed and if so, by whom and the number.

The following are the most important changes made in the Standing Committee for the present session

On Commerce—Powell and Saulsbury in place of R[illegible] and Allen

On public lands—Bingham in place of Stewart

On Naval Affairs—Anthony and Nicholson in place of Allen and Bell

On pensions—Grimes in place of Jones

The Senate went into secret session

When the doors were opened Mr Seward submitted a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for copies of all contracts which have been made for removing the obstructions at the mouth of the Mississippi The amount so expended and to whom paid Laid over

Adjourned

Washington, March 7

Mr Seward's resolution calling on the Secretary of War for copies of contracts which have been made for the removal of obstructions at the mouth of the Mississippi the amount expended therefor and to whom paid was adopted

Mr Brown presented a memorial from Messrs Fe[illegible]houe & Rotaler, buyers of extra document for the Senate alleging that owing to the small amount of binding they have had as contracted with previous year, lost money, and, therefore, ask indemnity

On motion of Mr Mason the memorial was tabled by 42 against 5

The Senate then went into secret session No public business was transacted, and as soon as the doors opened the Senate adjourned

Washington, March 8

Senate —The Vice president presented a memorial from the citizens of Nebraska, protesting against the annexation of a portion of their territory to Kansas

Mr Hale called up his resolution that no part of the Senate wing shall be occupied except for the purposes of the Senate, Supreme Court or Court of Claim He wished to prevent the rooms from being occupied by quack doctors and steam engines for the cures of invalids

Mr Fitch, who is a physician, agreed with Mr Hale as far as quack doctors were concerned and was for confining cures to the regular faculty

On motion of Mr. Bright, the resolution was referred to the Committee on public [illegible]

## Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, A D 1859 letters of administration were granted the undersigned on the estate of p T Bissett, deceased

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned for they may be precluded from the benefit of said estate If such claims are not presented within three years they will be forever barred

11—3t J T pARKINSON, Adm'r.

—The Cleveland Herald, is responsible for the following strange affair which is said to have occurred on the lake Shore railroad

Yesterday afternoon, as the C, & E train, which left here at half past twelve p m, was nearing Erie, Conductor Murry discovered a woman in the saloon of the car, apparently in some pain

On taking her ticket the conductor passed on

Shortly after a baby was found on the seat of the saloon The baby was afterwards found by the side of track two miles beyond Erie having been thrown out of the window by its inhuman mother

The conductor of the B and E train was immediately telegraphed and in due time an answer came back that the woman took the N Y and E cars at Dunkirk, without any baby

The child singular to say is alive and doing well No clue to the name of the mother has as yet been found

Prince Napoleon, who has just married a Sardinian princess, is the second son of Jerome Bonaparte the Ex King of Westphalia He is, therefore, like louis Napoleon, a nephew to the First Napoleon

He looks far more like his uncle than his cousin the Emperor does, and he takes pains to heighten the resemblance by his dress and manner His marble features are composed to the same gravity, his straight dark hair arranged in the same style, his coat and waistcoat of the same cut, now made historically familiar by the pictures of Napoleon as he stands in his favor to attitude, with arms folded and head inclined his likeness to the 'little Corporal' is almost startling The only drawback is that nature has bestowed on him three or four inches over his uncle's height which, while it adds to his appearance detracts from the coveted resemblance

Reasonable curiosity in a dying man —It was a bright thought that of Smithson, [illegible] of the Smithsonian Institute, when he was dying of an unknown complaint Smithson had five doctors, and they had been unable to discover what his disease was Although they told the patient he must dye Calling them all around him he said 'My friends, after I die make a post mortem examination and find out what ails me, for really, I have heard such long and learned discussions on the subject that I am dying to know what the disease is myself '

The New York Academy of Medicine are preparing a report on swill milk which the New York Express learns, will realize the worst statements made during the swill milk excitement

## THE CORRECT ROUTE TO THE GOLD MINES.

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## DIED

At Fountain city, Arapahoe co, Kansas Saturday, April 9th, 1859, Robt M Cerren of New Orleans He was on his way to Cherry creek and had his feet frozen, when mortification ensued which caused his death.

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Convention of Delegates to form a New State.

Agreeable to previous notice a Convention was held in Auraria on the fifteenth inst., to take into consideration the propriety of forming a State out of parts of Kansas Nebraska New Mexico and Utah Territories.

When on motion Gen. Wm. Larimer was appointed Temporary Chairman, and Henry McCoy temporary Secretary.

On motion of Hon. H. A. Smith, the following persons were appointed to examine the credentials and report the list of Delegates.

Committee, Messrs. Smith, Rogers, Slaughter and Cook.

The committee reported the following list of Delegates through their chairman. Fountain city, H. Mccoy, col. G. McDougle, H.rogers, J. M. Shearer, A. Thomas and Hon. S. W. Wagoner.

Eldorado and Ellpasso, J. Hinnman. Winchester, Warren, Gilmore Putnam, Edwards and Thomas.

Arrapahoe, Messrs. Fisk, Casto, pollock, Cochran, Cook, and Davison.

Auraria, Messrs. Allen, Slaughter, russel, Cook, Mcelane and pollock.

Denver, Messrs. Smith, lowry. Blake, Merrick, larimer and Clancy.

Mr. Blake moved the appointment of a committee of one from each precinct to report permanent officers of the convention. The committee took a recess of ten minutes.

The committee through their chairman report the following named persons permanent officers of the convention.

For president, Hon. S. W. Wagoner, vice presidents, Messrs. larimer, McDougle, cook, Gilmore and pollock.

For secretary, John Merrick, assistant secrotaries, Messrs. sheater, Warren, Blake, Hinnman, and Fisk.

Messrs. clancy and slaughter, on motion, appointed a committee to conduct the president to the chair. The rules laid down in Jefferson's manual, were on motion of Gen. larimer, adopted for the government of the convention.

Motion of Mclane, capt. Humphrey was chosen sargent at arms.

Moved that a committee of two from each precinct be appointed to report business for the convention, and that each delegation should select their members.

The following persons were delegated.

Auraria, Allen and pollock.
Denver, larimer and clancy.
Arrapahoe, Fisk and Davison.
Fountain, Mccoy and rogers.
Elpasso and Eldorado, Gilmore and Winchester.

The convention was about to adjourn until seven o'clock, when the gov. arose and made some appropriate remarks, which were well received. The convention then adjourned until seven o'clock.

At the appointed time the convention re-assembled; and H. Allen chairman, reported preamble and resolutions, which were amended and passsed as follows:

The delegates from the precincts of Denver city, Auraria, Arapahoe, Fountain city, El Dorado and El paso, of the county of Arapahoe, Kansas Territory, in convention assembled in the town of Auraria, the 15th day of April, 1859, do adopt the following preamble and resolutions viz:

Whereas, A very large number of citizens of the U. S. having in a very short time been brought together at this remote point of the Union, induced by the recent discoveries of rich golds in this locality, and the good prospects of success held out here to the farmer, mechanic, trader and professional man; and being vividly impressed by our recent journey hither over the plains, with the great distance our heterogenious and active population is removed from any seat of Government either Territorial or State, of the United States, where our wants could be made known, our civil and religious rights protected and our wrongs redressed; having already experienced the evils of such remoteness from Government adequate to the duty of trying and punishing crime; and being fully impressed with the belief, from early and recent precedents, of the power, and benefits and duty of Self-Government; and of the evils attending the government of bodies of men by agents of States or Territories at a distance, or of legislation without representation; and,

Whereas, We, men of various vocations in life, having found this country which we have sought not only abounding in gold just as represented by the majority of those who have written on the subject of these western gold fields, and of all those who were in the habit of weighing well what they wrote; and having also found it a country rich likewise in timber, in rock and crystle water; a country with soil capable of producing food for its inhabitants, if not equal to the richest western agricultural States, at least superior to those of New England; and abounding with inducements sufficient to retain its present population and a large number of the immense rolling wave of emigrants now on the way from the East and soon to leave their own crowded homes to partake of the homes and harvest which we are now providing; and,

Whereas, Owing to the absolute and pressing necessity for an immediate and adequate government for the large population now here and soon to be among us actively engaged in the various acts of life; and aware of the impossibility of an early formation into a territorial Government that duty having been neglected by the recent session of Congress; and also believing that a Territorial Government is not such as our large and peculiarly situated population demands; therefore,

Resolved, That the State contemplated shall embrace the following territory, viz: its north-eastern boundary commencing at the intersection of the 102d meridian of west longitude from Washington city, with the 43d parallel of north latitude and running west on the said parallel to its intersection with the 10th meridian of west longitude, thence south to the 37 parallel of north latitude, thence east on that parallel to the 102d meridian, and thence north to the begining; and that the name thereof shall be the State of JEFFERSON.

Resolved, That the citizens of the proposed State be requested to elect delegates to attend a constitutional convention to be held in Denver City, on the 1st Monday in June, 1859, and said election of delegates shall be held on the 2d Monday of May next or between that time and the time specified for the meeting of the convention.

That it shall be the duty of said convention when convened, to prepare a constitution for the said State to call an election for State officers and members of the Senate and Legislature, and to specify the time and place of holding said election and appoint election officers of each precinct.

That said constitution shall be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection at said election, and if rejected, the said election shall be considered nul and void. Said election shall be conducted as all other elections of similar character.

Said convention shall consist of delegates as follows, One delegate from every precinct, and one additional delegate for each 250 inhabitants of each precinct, and each delegation shall be bound to present to the convention satisfactory proof of the number of voters in its precinct.

precincts as follows. Fort Larimie, Colona, Cache a Lapoudre, Arapahoe city, Boulder city, Lampton's Fort, Cheyanne pass, South parke, Middle parke, Jefferson, Sander's Ranche, Auraria, Denver city, Douglas city, Eldorado, Fountain city, Ft. Garland, Mountina, Brownsville, Wakenaw, Russelville, Ellpasso, Cannion city, Junction city, and that the central committee shall have power to organize any precincts that may come under their knowledge; also to see that the different precincts are furnished with a copy of the above resolutions, and request their co-operation, and to do whatever they may think best to carry out the object of their meeting.

By motion of Mr. Smith, the following persons were appointed to prepare an address to the citizens of the proposed new state of Jefferson.

The committee was made to consist of Messrs. Smith, russel, Winchester, Mccoy and casto.

Hon. Mr. clancy then moved the appointment of a central committee. The following gentlemen were appointed. Hon. clancy, Davison, Gilmore, sheter and slaughter.

The proceedings of the convention were, on motion, ordered to be published in the Kansas, Nebraska New Mexico, Utah and washington city papers, and all other papers friendly to the proposed state of Jefferson.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the convention and to Mr whooton for the use of the hall.

Then on motion adjourned.

John Merrick, sect.
G. Wagoner, pres.

In the hurry of business, we are compelled to give but a faint outline of the convention. Most of the members took an active part in the discussions, which were conducted in perfect harmony. This important subject shall receive more attention in our next issue.

## THE MINES.

As every who comes in is anxious to learn the locality of the diggings, we append a list of the names of those places which have been prospected and worked, at the same time advising all to take the word of no one, nor believe a tithe of the thousand conflicting reports that are in circulation.

The mines are as follows, spanish diggings, dry creek, plum creek lounge creek, clear creek, vasquers fork, thompson's fork, south park and several other places.

The weather at present is entirely to cold to admit of successful mining in the mountains, those who are there have had to labor under every disadvantage. Those who are been engaged in the mines are generally satisfied with their prospects, and feel sanguine that the summer will develop rich diggings.

For three years after the discovery of gold in california, it was by many, prononnced a humbug, and the same will be said of this country.

There are a great many men in this country who could not be inlueed to return to the states so well are they satisfied with their prospects. The country, however, is yet to develope itself. No man can, to any certainty, tell what two or three months will bring forth. The whole thing, thus far is but an experiment. That there is gold to be found in almost any part of the country, no man who has been here can deny. The smallness of the particles and the scarcity of water, are at present, the great hindrances, but these objections will, without doubt be overcome in time. The main dependence, however, for the present is in the mountains.

Arrivals.—A Train of six wagons arrived at Denver City April 14th, Wm. valentine, Capt.

Time from St. Joe., 23 days.

The following gentlemen are from La Salle, Ill.—W. H. valentine, J. Swarthouf, E. Bowen, W. G. Telfer, Jas. C. Strout, . Libby, W. H. Allen, A. Givens, E Prescott, L. Miley, N. Groole, P. W. Gould, S. Peus, M. Washam, C. Snyder, A. Banter, S. C. Metcalt, J. Vielie and G. Shepherd.

Messrs. Bean, Bedard & Co., are expected soon.

—The New York 'Times' says; "There are abundant rumors afloat to the effect that Buchanan is likely to lead to the hymenial altar an accomplished and estimable widow of Georgia. This may account for the especial care and neatness of the old gentleman's dress. It is a matter of frequent remark, that Mr. Buchanan, in his handsome brown frock coat, white vest and cravat, and patent leather pumps, is one of the most elagantly dressed young men in the capitol.

"Bob, why don't you wheel that barrow of coal?" said a learned miner to one of his sons; it is not a very hard job, and there is an inclined plane to relieve you." 'Yes replied Bob, who had more relish for wit than work, "the plane may be inclined but hang me if I am."

It is said "the presidency is gravitating to Douglas, and will drop into his hands;" since the presidency fell to Buchan," says prentice, "there is no telling where it won't drop."

Messrs. Lane and smith have taken their seats in the U. S. senate, as senators from Oregon. The former drew the long term, expiring March fourth. The latter took his seat for two weeks.

—It is said, and we believe truthfully, that childhood is like a mirror, seizing and reflecting images around it.—Therefore remember that an impious or profane word uttered by a parent may operate on the young heart like water thrown on polished steel—stain it with rust that no after rubbing will remove